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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--
 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to After-Final Amendment filed December 23, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 5-9.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's After-Final amendment filed on December 23, 2006 has been entered. Claims 5 and 8 have been amended. No claim has been added.
2. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 1-4 and 10-14 directed to inventions non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 1-4 and 10-14 been cancelled.
3. Claims 5-9 are still pending in this application, with Claim 5 being independent.

Examiner's Amendment

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
5. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) A rechargeable and removable
emergency lamp and headlamp for a motorized vehicle having an internal
combustion engine and an electrical system therefor, comprising:

a lamp having a handle and electrical connections to a first rechargeable battery and to said electrical system, said lamp positioned and used as a headlamp;

said first rechargeable battery suitable for powering said lamp and not suitable for said electrical ~~system~~ system, wherein the lamp has a first electrical connection to the first rechargeable battery for powering the lamp and having a second electrical connection to the vehicle's electrical system, said electrical system including a second rechargeable battery, the first rechargeable battery having a third electrical connection to the vehicle's electrical system for recharging the battery; and

a first housing in which the lamp is removably retained, the lamp being removable from said housing for use as an emergency light, and when the lamp is in use as an emergency light said first and third electrical connections remain intact and said second electrical connection is disconnected.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 5-9 are allowed.

7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant teaches a vehicle illumination device having a lamp including a handle, first electrical connections to a first rechargeable battery, and second electrical

connection to the electrical system of the vehicle. The first rechargeable battery includes a third electrical connection to the vehicle electrical system for recharging such first battery. The vehicle illumination device further includes a housing for removably receiving the lamp. The first and third electrical connections remaining intact while the second electrical connection is interrupted, when the lamp is removed from the housing.

Woller (U.S. Pat. 1,656,648), **Stoffer** (U.S. Pat. 2,009,682) and **Swayne** (U.S. Pat. 2,671,848) discloses vehicle lamps capable of being removed to be used as emergency lights, such lamps being powered by the vehicle's electrical system. **Thomas** (U.S. Pat. 4,819,139), **Chandler** (U.S. Pat. 4,894,755), **Leach** (U.S. Pat. 5,077,643) and **Colton** (U.S. Pat. 5,645,340) disclose vehicle lamps having rechargeable batteries, such batteries being recharged by the electrical system of the vehicle when the lamps are received in a housing provided in the vehicle. However, the cited reference fail to individually disclose, or suggest when combined, a vehicle illumination device having first electrical connections to a first rechargeable battery, and second electrical connection to the electrical system of the vehicle, the rechargeable battery including a third electrical connection to the vehicle electrical system, the first and third electrical connections remaining intact while the second electrical connection is interrupted, when the lamp is removed from the housing.

8. No prior art was found teaching individually, or suggesting in combination, all of the features of the applicants' invention, specifically a vehicle illumination device having first electrical connections to a first rechargeable battery, and second electrical

connection to the electrical system of the vehicle, the rechargeable battery including a third electrical connection to the vehicle electrical system, the first and third electrical connections remaining intact while the second electrical connection is interrupted, when the lamp is removed from the housing.

9. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ismael Negrón whose telephone number is (571) 272-2376. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

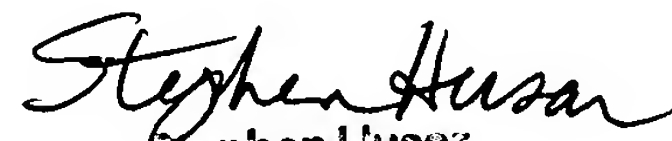
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra L. O'Shea, can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The facsimile machine number for the Art Group is (571) 273-8300.

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